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# 1 Enzyme characterisation and kinetic modelling of the pentose 2 phosphate pathway in yeast

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## 4 Abstract

5 We present the quantification and kinetic characterisation of the enzymes of the pentose  
6 phosphate pathway in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The data are combined into a mathematical  
7 model that describes the dynamics of this system and allows us to predict changes in metabo-  
8 lite concentrations and fluxes in response to perturbations. We use the model to study the  
9 response of yeast to a glucose pulse. We then combine the model with an existing glycolysis  
10 model to study the effect of oxidative stress on carbohydrate metabolism. The combina-  
11 tion of these two models was made possible by the standardised enzyme kinetic experiments  
12 carried out in both studies. This work demonstrates the feasibility of constructing larger  
13 network-scale models by merging smaller pathway-scale models.

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## 14 Introduction

15 The pentose phosphate pathway (PPP) is a central and widely conserved metabolic pathway of car-  
16 bohydrate metabolism which, in eukaryotic cells, is located in the cytoplasm (see Figure 1). This  
17 pathway serves two major functions: production of precursors for biosynthesis of macromolecules  
18 and production of reducing equivalents in the form of NADPH. Accordingly, these two roles are re-  
19 flected in the two major phases of the PPP: in the “oxidative phase”, glucose 6-phosphate (G6P) is  
20 converted into ribulose 5-phosphate (Ru5P) through the sequential action of glucose-6-phosphate  
21 dehydrogenase and 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase, with lactonase catalysing the hydrolysis  
22 of its 6-phosphogluconolactone (G6L) product. The “non-oxidative phase” carries out the isomeri-  
23 sation of Ru5P to ribose 5-phosphate (R5P), the epimerisation of Ru5P to xylulose 5-phosphate  
24 (X5P) and, through the actions of transketolase and transaldolase, a series of carbon skeleton  
25 transfers that can interconvert pentose phosphate into fructose 6-phosphate (F6P) and glyceralde-  
26 hyde 3-phosphate (GAP) – both glycolytic intermediates – and erythrose 4-phosphate (E4P). The  
27 net effect of the non-oxidative phase is to produce an equilibrium between the pentoses needed for  
28 biosynthesis of macromolecules and the hexoses needed for energy management, allowing the two  
29 pools of sugars easily to interconvert. The oxidative branch is considered to be largely irreversible  
30 under normal cellular conditions, whilst the non-oxidative branch is reversible [Saggerson, 2009].  
31 The PPP is not a simple linear pathway (see Figure 2) since several carbon atoms are recycled  
32 back into glycolysis. Furthermore, the enzyme transketolase catalyses two different reactions in the  
33 pathway, resulting in the substrates of these reactions being competitive inhibitors of one another.  
34 Thus the dynamic response of this network is hard to predict by intuition and a computational  
35 model is required for a deeper understanding.

36 The PPP has three main products: reduced equivalents in the form of NADPH, produced in  
37 the oxidative phase, needed in biosynthetic pathways and for maintenance of the oxidative level  
38 of cells; R5P, for the biosynthesis of all nucleic acids; and E4P, for biosynthesis of the three  
39 aromatic amino acids. Different physiological states require operation of this biochemical network  
40 in different modes: in actively growing cells, such as during culture growth in reactors, the pathway  
41 must produce a sufficient amount of all three products, since all are required in the construction  
42 of new cells. Under stress conditions growth slows and the only product in considerable demand  
43 is NADPH.

44 Oxidative stress causes damage to all living organisms. A number of defence and repair mechanisms  
45 have evolved that are conserved from unicellular to multicellular organisms. Cells typically respond  
46 with post-translational modification of a number of proteins, affecting both their localisation  
47 and functionality [Godon et al., 1998, Ishii et al., 2007]. In particular, oxidative stress in yeast  
48 leads to repression of glycolysis and induction of the PPP; this is crucial for maintaining the  
49 NADPH/NADP<sup>+</sup> ratio, which provides the redox power for antioxidant systems [Ralser et al.,  
50 2007].

51 Since the seminal work of [Glock & McLean, 1953], the pentose phosphate pathway has been  
52 subjected to a number of quantitative studies, including in yeast [Bruinenberg et al., 1983]. Math-  
53 ematical models of the pathway have been created in yeast [Vaseghi et al., 1999, Ralser et al., 2007],  
54 trypanosome [Kerkhoven et al., 2013], rat [Haut et al., 1974, Sabate et al., 1995] and human [Joshi  
55 & Palsson, 1989, Mulquiney & Kuchel, 1999]. However, such studies have over-simplified, or indeed  
56 completely neglected, the non-oxidative branch of the pathway.

57 In this study, we aim to understand the rerouting of flux through the different modes of the  
58 PPP following in response to different cues. To that end, we kinetically quantify and characterise  
59 various enzymes in the pathway, combine these properties into a non-linear mathematical model  
60 that describes the dynamic behaviour of this system, and compare the model’s predictions to  
61 experimental observations of transient metabolite concentrations following a glucose pulse. We go  
62 on to examine the response of a combined glycolysis:PPP model to oxidative stress, and compare  
63 this to measured metabolite levels.

## Materials and Methods

### Kinetics

To determine the kinetic parameters of individual enzymatic reactions of the pentose phosphate pathway, isoenzymes were purified as described previously [Malys et al., 2011]. Spectrophotometric assays were then performed for most of the isoenzymes, following a similar strategy to [Messiha et al., 2011, Smallbone et al., 2013]. Enzymes were assayed spectrophotometrically through detection of NADPH or NADH, by using coupling reactions where needed, with the exception of ribulose-5-phosphate-3-epimerase (RPE1) and ribose-5-phosphate ketol isomerase (RKI1) which were assayed using circular dichroism (CD, [Kochetov et al., 1978]). Spectrophotometric assays were coupled with enzyme(s) in which NADH or NADPH is a substrate or product so that its consumption or formation could be followed spectrophotometrically at 340 nm, using an extinction coefficient of  $6.62 \text{ mM}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This is unless the reaction of a particular enzyme consumes or produces NADH or NADPH, in which case no coupling enzymes were needed.

Absorbance measurements were carried out with a BMG Labtech NOVOstar plate reader (Offenburg, Germany) in 384-well format plates in a  $60 \mu\text{l}$  reaction volume. All assays were performed in a standardised reaction buffer (100 mM MES, pH 6.5, 100 mM KCl, and 5 mM free magnesium in the form of  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ) at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  and were automated so that all reagents in the reaction buffer (including any coupling enzymes) are in  $45 \mu\text{l}$ , the enzyme (to be assayed) in  $5 \mu\text{l}$  and the substrate in  $10 \mu\text{l}$  volumes as described in [Messiha et al., 2011]. For each individual enzyme, both the forward and the reverse reactions were assayed whenever possible.

Assays for each enzyme were either developed or modified from previously published methodology to be compatible with the conditions of the assay reactions (e.g. pH compatibility or unavailability of commercial substrates). The assay conditions used for each enzyme were as follows:

**6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase** GND1 and GND2 were assayed in the reaction buffer in the forward reaction by direct measurement of the production of NADPH as in [He et al., 2007]. The kinetic parameters for each isoenzyme were determined by varying the concentration of each substrate (6-phosphogluconate and NADP) at fixed saturated concentration of the other.

**6-phosphogluconolactonase** SOL3 and SOL4 were assayed in the reaction buffer exactly according to [Schofield & Sols, 1976].

**Transaldolase** TAL1 and NQM1 were assayed in the reaction buffer in the forward and reverse directions according to [Tsolas & Joris, 1964, Wood, 1972]. Since sedoheptulose 7-phosphate was not available commercially, we obtained its barium salt synthesised by Chemos GmbH, and converted it to the sodium salt just prior to assay, according to [Charmantray et al., 2009].

**Transketolase** TKL1 and TKL2 were assayed for both of their participatory reactions in the reaction buffer in the forward and reverse directions according to [Datta & Racker, 1961, Kochetov, 1982]. The kinetic parameters were determined by varying the concentration of each substrate at a fixed saturated concentration of the other for the forward and reverse reactions.

**Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase** ZWF1 was assayed in the reaction buffer in the forward reaction by direct measurement of the production of NADPH according to [Gould & Goheer, 1976].

**Ribose-5-phosphate ketol-isomerase** RKI1 was assayed for the forward and reverse reaction by CD measurements [Kochetov et al., 1978]. The assay was developed based on the fact that ribulose-5-phosphate has a maximum absorbance at 278 nm, with a measured coefficient of  $-2.88 \text{ m}^{\circ}\text{mM}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-1}$ , and ribose-5-phosphate has an absorbance at 278 nm with a measured coefficient of  $-0.131 \text{ m}^{\circ}\text{mM}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-1}$ . The data were collected in  $400 \mu\text{l}$  in a 1 mm path length cuvette. In both directions, the change in CD angle  $\theta$  at 278 nm was used to calculate the rate of reaction.

**D-ribulose-5-phosphate 3-epimerase** RPE1 was assayed for the forward and reverse reaction by CD measurements. The assay was developed and modified from [Karmali et al., 1983]. Ribulose-5-phosphate and xylulose-5-phosphate have an absorbance at 278 nm with a measured coefficients of  $-2.88 \text{ m}^{\circ}\text{mM}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-1}$  and  $+0.846 \text{ m}^{\circ}\text{mM}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The change of CD  $\theta$  at 278 nm was again followed to infer the rate of reaction in both directions.

All measurements are based on at least duplicate determination of the reaction rates at each substrate concentration. For each isoenzyme, the initial rates at various substrate concentrations were determined and the data obtained were analysed by the KineticsWizard [Swainston et al., 2010] and COPASI [Hoops et al., 2006] and fitted to Michaelis-Menten type kinetics (see Table 1). Whilst most of the assay methodologies performed here were reported previously, the CD measurements for ribose-5-phosphate ketol-isomerase and D-ribulose-5-phosphate 3-epimerase were newly developed for this study.

## Proteomics

We attempted to measure the absolute quantities of all isoenzymes in this pathway through the QConCAT technology [Benyon et al., 2005]. Total cell protein was extracted from turbidostat yeast cultures as described earlier [Carroll et al., 2011]. Data analyses were performed using the PrideWizard software [Swainston et al., 2011] (see Table 2). Concentrations were then calculated from copy number using a typical cytoplasmic volume of 5 fl [Smallbone et al., 2013].

## Model construction

From a modelling perspective, the enzyme kinetic constants and protein concentrations represent the parameters of the system, while the metabolite concentrations (Table 3) represent the variables. Combining the protein concentration data with those for the enzyme kinetic parameters allows a mathematical model to be produced for this system (Table 4) in ordinary differential equation format. Simple Michaelis-Menten kinetics are used for enzymatic reactions. The reactions consuming NADPH, E4P and R5P (sinks) are represented with mass-action kinetics (all set to an arbitrary rate constant of  $k = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Initial concentrations of metabolites are set to the values we measured experimentally. The model considers, in the first instance, the PPP in isolation. Thus we consider three boundary metabolites to be fixed: F6P, G6P and GAP.

To consider oxidative stress, however, we expanded the model to combine it with our recently published model of glycolysis (that includes trehalose and glycerol metabolism) [Smallbone et al., 2013], where the enzymatic parameters were determined in the same conditions as described here. This combined glycolysis:PPP model contains 34 reactions, and allows calculation of the concentration of 32 metabolites (variables). Importantly, it allows us to compare the joint response of both pathways to environmental perturbations.

Simulations and analyses were performed in the software COPASI [Hoops et al., 2006]. The models described here are available in SBML format [Hucka et al., 2003] from the BioModels database [Li et al., 2010] with identifiers BIOMD0000000502 (PPP in isolation) and BIOMD0000000503 (combined glycolysis:PPP); the models are also available from JWS online [Olivier & Snoep, 2004] at <http://jjj.mib.ac.uk/database/messiha/> where they can be inspected interactively.

## 148 Results

## 149 Experimental

150 Kinetic data were obtained for all PPP isoenzymes, with the exception of SOL3 and SOL4 which  
151 showed no activity after purification (see Table 1). Any missing kinetic parameters were taken  
152 from previous models [Vaseghi et al., 1999, Ralser et al., 2007], or given initial estimates using  
153 typical values ( $k_{cat} = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $K_m = 0.1 \text{ mM}$ , [Bar-Even et al., 2011, Smallbone & Mendes, 2013]).

154 Only four of the isoenzymes (Gnd1, Sol3, Tal1 and Tkl1) were detected using the QConCAT pro-  
155 teomic approach. In the case of Gnd1/Gnd2 and Tal1/Nqm1, only the most abundant isoenzyme  
156 was detected in each case, and it is likely that the expression level the less abundant isoenzyme was  
157 not necessarily zero but at least it was below the detection limit. The remaining three undetected  
158 enzymes (Rki1, Rpe1 and Zwfl) were found in a previous study ([Ghaemmaghami et al., 2003],  
159 detailed in Table 2). Moreover, these are soluble cytoplasmic proteins, so we can assume they  
160 were likely present in the extracted protein preparations (rather than sequestered to membranes,  
161 and subsequently lost as insoluble material). There are two possible explanations for the fail-  
162 ure to detect these proteins: poor or incomplete proteolysis (trypsin miscleavage) or unexpected  
163 post-translational modifications, either naturally occurring or inadvertently introduced during the  
164 experimental protocol.

165 There is a discrepancy between the TAP-tagged published data [Ghaemmaghami et al., 2003]  
166 and the QconCAT quantifications described here, with our study reporting twenty-fold higher  
167 values. We have observed higher values for QconCAT quantifications in a previous study on  
168 glycolytic enzymes [Carroll et al., 2011], compared to TAP-tagged values. In the same study we  
169 also compared the values obtained by QconCAT with other approaches; indeed the QconCAT  
170 method gave the highest values of all methods compared.

171 We note that the TAP-tagged values were obtained for haploid cells, whereas the current study  
172 uses diploid cells. We estimate the total cellular protein to be approximately 6 pg for diploid cells  
173 (though some studies give a higher value of 8 pg/cell [Sherman, 2002]), and 3–4 pg for haploid cells.  
174 This alone does not therefore account for the discrepancy; by this rationale one might expect the  
175 QconCAT values to be simply double. However, in our previous study [Carroll et al., 2011] we also  
176 raised the possibility of ‘range compression’, where abundant proteins are underestimated, due to  
177 limited linear range with TAP-tagged methodologies, and other approaches. It is also possible  
178 that different yeast strains, growth conditions, extraction methods and analytical workflows result  
179 in very different values, making convergence of data far from trivial.

180 Given these discrepancies, using the data from [Ghaemmaghami et al., 2003] directly to fill in any  
181 missing measurements would not be appropriate. Rather, in cases where one of two isoenzymes  
182 was not quantified (Gnd2, Nqm1), the same ratio was maintained as as in [Ghaemmaghami et al.,  
183 2003] (i.e. we use the same proportions of the two isoenzymes). For the remaining three undetected  
184 enzymes (Rki1, Rpe1, Zwfl) the value reported in that study was multiplied by twenty to provide  
185 an initial estimate.



## 186 Glucose pulse

187 In an earlier study [Vaseghi et al., 1999], changes in G6P concentration following a glucose pulse  
188 were found to follow the empirical function

$$\text{G6P} = 0.9 + \frac{44.1 t}{48.0 + t + 0.45 t^2},$$

189 where  $t$  represents time in seconds.

190 We used this function as an input representing a glucose pulse, and compared the model's predicted  
191 changes in NADPH and P6G concentration with the experimental observations of [Vaseghi et al.,  
192 1999] (see Figure 3).

193 Whilst the present model contains many parameters that were measured under standardised condi-  
194 tions, a few parameters were not possible to determine experimentally and were therefore obtained  
195 from the literature. We thus employed the fitting strategy set out in [Smallbone et al., 2013]. The  
196 relative contribution of each parameter value to the quality of fit to time-course data was ranked  
197 using sensitivity analysis. If we were unable to closely match the data varying only the most  
198 important parameter, we tried using two parameters, and continued until the cycle was complete  
199 and a satisfactory fit was obtained. Parameters maintained their initial value where possible. Five  
200 parameters were varied in this way (see Table 5) to provide the match seen in Figure 3. Of these  
201 five, three were initial guesses, one (ZWF:Kg6l) was measured under other conditions, and only  
202 one ([Gnd1]) had been measured by us, but nonetheless fitted to the data.

## 203 Oxidative stress

204 One of the proteins that responds to oxidative stress is the glycolytic enzyme glyceraldehyde-3-  
205 phosphate dehydrogenase (TDH). In response to high oxidant levels this enzyme is inactivated  
206 and accumulates in the nucleus of the cell in several organisms and cell types [Chuang et al.,  
207 2005, Shenton & Grant, 2003]. Thus, we simulate *in silico* oxidative stress through reduction of  
208 TDH activity in the combined glycolysis:PPP model to 25% of its wild-type value, following the  
209 approach of [Ralser et al., 2007]. Cells also respond to the presence of oxidative agents through  
210 slower growth, which we translate in our model as reducing the requirement for E4P and R5P (the  
211 biomass precursors); we thus reduce the rate of consumption of these by two orders of magnitude  
212 from their reference values. The defence against the oxidant agent requires reductive power which  
213 is ultimately supplied by NADPH (e.g. through glutathione); we thus also increase the rate of  
214 NADPH consumption by two orders of magnitude. We may then compare predicted changes in  
215 metabolite concentrations to those measured in response to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment [Ralser et al., 2007],  
216 a typical oxidative stress agent [Godon et al., 1998].

217 The results of these simulations are presented in Table 6. They show that seven of the eight  
218 qualitative changes in metabolite concentrations are correctly predicted by the model. A difference  
219 between the experimental data and the predictions was only observed for the metabolite glycerol  
220 3-phosphate (G3P), where the simulation predicts a small increase, but experimentally we observe  
221 a small decrease.

222 As the qualitative predictions reasonably matched the experimental data set, we moved on to  
223 calculate the influence of oxidative stress on carbon flux. Experimental measurements show that,  
224 in aerobic growth conditions on glucose minimal medium, PPP activity accounts for approximately  
225 10% of the total consumption of glucose [Blank et al., 2005]. This is reasonably consistent with  
226 our simulations' prediction that the ratio of fluxes into PPP (via ZWF) and into glycolysis (via  
227 PGI) is 1:18, or 6%. Under oxidative stress conditions, our simulations predict that the ratio of  
228 fluxes into PPP and into glycolysis increases two-fold, corroborating the hypothesis that oxidative  
229 stress leads to a redirection of the carbohydrate flux [Ralser et al., 2007].

## 230 Control analysis

231 Metabolic control analysis (MCA) is a biochemical formalism, defining how variables, such as  
232 fluxes and concentrations, depend on network parameters. It stems from the work of [Kacser &  
233 Burns, 1973] and, independently, [Heinrich & Rapoport, 1974]. In Table 7 (a), we present the flux  
234 control coefficients for the (fitted) PPP model. These are measures of how a relative change in  
235 enzyme activity leads to a change in steady state flux through the system. For example, from  
236 the third row of the table, we predict that a 1% increase in GND levels would lead to a 0.153%  
237 decrease in RPE flux.

238 The table shows us that control of flux into the pathway (via ZWF) is dominated by ZWF, SOL,  
239 GND and NADPH oxidase (the latter representing all processes that oxidise NADPH). Returning  
240 to Figure 1, we see that these correspond to the first three steps of the pathway plus NADPH  
241 recycling – the oxidative phase. The table also shows the overall control of each step of the  
242 pathway, taken in COPASI [Hoops et al., 2006] to be the norm of the control coefficients. We see  
243 that little control is exerted by the RPE and TKL (R5P:S7P) steps. The three sinks have high  
244 overall control, and as such we would expect fluxes through the pathway to be highly dependent  
245 on growth rate and stress levels.

246 In the oxidative stress simulation the control distribution changes, as presented in Table 7 (b). The  
247 main observation from these data is that the control of the pathway input flux by the NADPH  
248 oxidase is now much lower – this is somewhat expected since the rate of this step increased 100×  
249 and thus became less limiting. Less intuitive is the reduction of overall control of the network by  
250 RKI (the reaction that produces ribose 5-phosphate, which is then used for nucleic acid biosyn-  
251 thesis). However this result implies that, under oxidative stress, the PPP is essentially insensitive  
252 to the “pull” from ribose use for nucleic acid synthesis, which agrees with the observation that  
253 growth is arrested under these conditions.



## Discussion

The pentose phosphate pathway, depicted in Figure 1, is a central pathway in yeast and in most organisms and serves two main functions: maintenance of the NADPH:NADP<sup>+</sup> ratio, and production of several precursors for biosynthesis of macromolecules. These two roles of the pathway are mirrored in its structure and it consists of two semi-independent parts; the oxidative branch reduces NADP<sup>+</sup>, whilst the non-oxidative branch creates R5P, a precursor for nucleic acid biosynthesis, or E4P, a precursor for aromatic amino acids and some vitamins. The PPP is intimately connected with glycolysis as it diverts some of its flux away from energy production. Furthermore, the two pathways have three metabolites in common: G6P, F6P and GAP.

In order to describe a biological system such as PPP quantitatively, the kinetic properties of all its components need to be established in conditions close to the physiological [van Eunen et al., 2010, Messiha et al., 2011]. Where possible, they should represent a system in steady state, where all measurements, even if carried out at different times, are performed under identical conditions. Following the methodology previously applied to glycolysis [Smallbone et al., 2013], robust and standardised enzyme kinetics and quantitative proteomics measurements were applied to the enzymes of the pentose phosphate pathway in the *S. cerevisiae* strain YDL227C. The resulting data are integrated in a kinetic model of the pathway. This is in contrast to previous studies [Vaseghi et al., 1999, Ralser et al., 2007], where kinetic parameters were taken from various literature sources and different organisms:

“The kinetic constants were determined using enzymes from five different species (human, cow, rabbit, yeast, *E. coli*) in different laboratories over a period of more than three decades. Consequently, it cannot be expected that the simulations coincide quantitatively with the measured metabolite concentrations.” [Ralser et al., 2007]

We may have more confidence in our model, whose parameters were determined under standardised conditions. We thus use the model to study the response of the pentose phosphate pathway to a glucose pulse (Figure 3). We go on to use model to study the combined response of glycolysis and PPP to oxidative stress, and find that a considerable amount of flux is rerouted through the PPP.

Our modelling approach also reveals a discrepancy between the observed change in G3P levels following stress cannot be predicted by current understanding of glycolysis and PPP; following the “cycle of knowledge” [Kell, 2006], it is of interest to direct future focus towards glycerol metabolism in order to improve the accuracy of this model.

It is important to highlight that we were not able here to quantify the concentration of all enzymes in the pathway, thus having to rely on crude estimates. The physiological conditions under which the cells were measured by [Ghaemmaghami et al., 2003] were very different than those used here, which could result in inaccurate estimates for the concentration of several enzymes. However the fact that we have measured  $k_{cat}$  values for those enzymes will allow easy correction of the model if accurate enzyme concentrations are determined later. Indeed, these data will allow to account for changes in enzyme concentrations resulting from a longer term response of the cells, through protein degradation or increased protein synthesis rate due to changes at the level of transcription and translation.

The combined PPP and glycolysis model demonstrates the value of standardised enzyme kinetic measurements – models thus parameterised can be combined to expand their scope, eventually forming large-scale models of metabolism [Snoep, 2005, Snoep et al., 2006, Smallbone & Mendes, 2013]. Indeed the combined glycolysis:PPP model could be expanded to consider enzyme concentrations as variables (through accounting for their synthesis and degradation, reflecting gene expression and signalling) which would improve its utility in predicting a broader array of conditions. Such an expansion of models to cover wider areas of metabolism and cellular biochemistry will lead to *digital organisms*, as shown in a recent proof of principle for the simple bacterium *Mycoplasma genitalium* [Karr et al., 2012].

303 The “bottom-up” strategy used here is to combine compatible kinetic models (PPP and glycolysis),  
 304 expanding them towards a larger metabolic model. An alternative (“top-down”) strategy is to  
 305 start with a large structural yeast network [Herrgård et al., 2008, Dobson et al., 2010, Heavner  
 306 et al., 2012, Heavner et al., 2013, Aung et al., 2013], then add estimated kinetic parameters and,  
 307 through successive rounds of improvement, incorporate measured parameters [Smallbone et al.,  
 308 2010, Smallbone & Mendes, 2013, Stanford et al., 2013], in an automated manner where possible  
 309 [Li et al., 2010, Büchel et al., 2013]. Can these two strategies be combined into a more robust and  
 310 scalable approach?

311 In summary, we present here a model of the yeast pentose phosphate pathway that we believe is  
 312 the most realistic so far, including experimentally determined kinetic parameters for its enzymes  
 313 and physiological enzyme concentrations. A more complex model resulting from the combination  
 314 of this PPP model with a previous glycolytic model [Smallbone et al., 2013] was possible due to  
 315 the standardised way in which the kinetic parameters were measured. This opens up the prospect  
 316 of expanding models to eventually cover the entire metabolism of a cell in a way that makes them  
 317 compatible with a further improvement, by including the effects of changes in gene expression.

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Figure 1: Pictorial representation of the pentose phosphate pathway in Systems Biology Graphical Notation format (SBGN, [Le Novère et al., 2009]), where a circle represents a simple chemical, a rounded rectangle represents a macromolecule, the empty set symbol represents a sink, and a box represents a process.

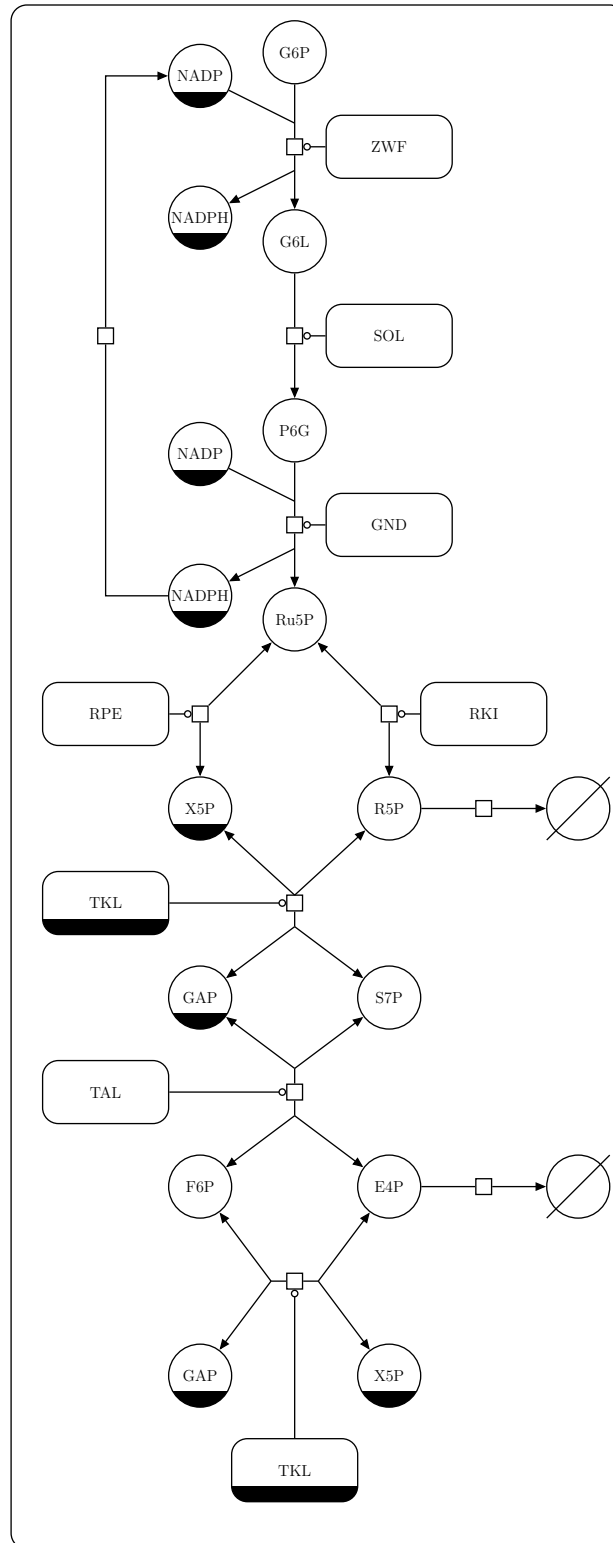




Figure 3: A pulse in G6P is applied to the model and a comparison is made between the predicted (lines) and experimentally-determined (circles) concentrations of NADPH and P6G. The system is first run to steady state before application of the pulse.

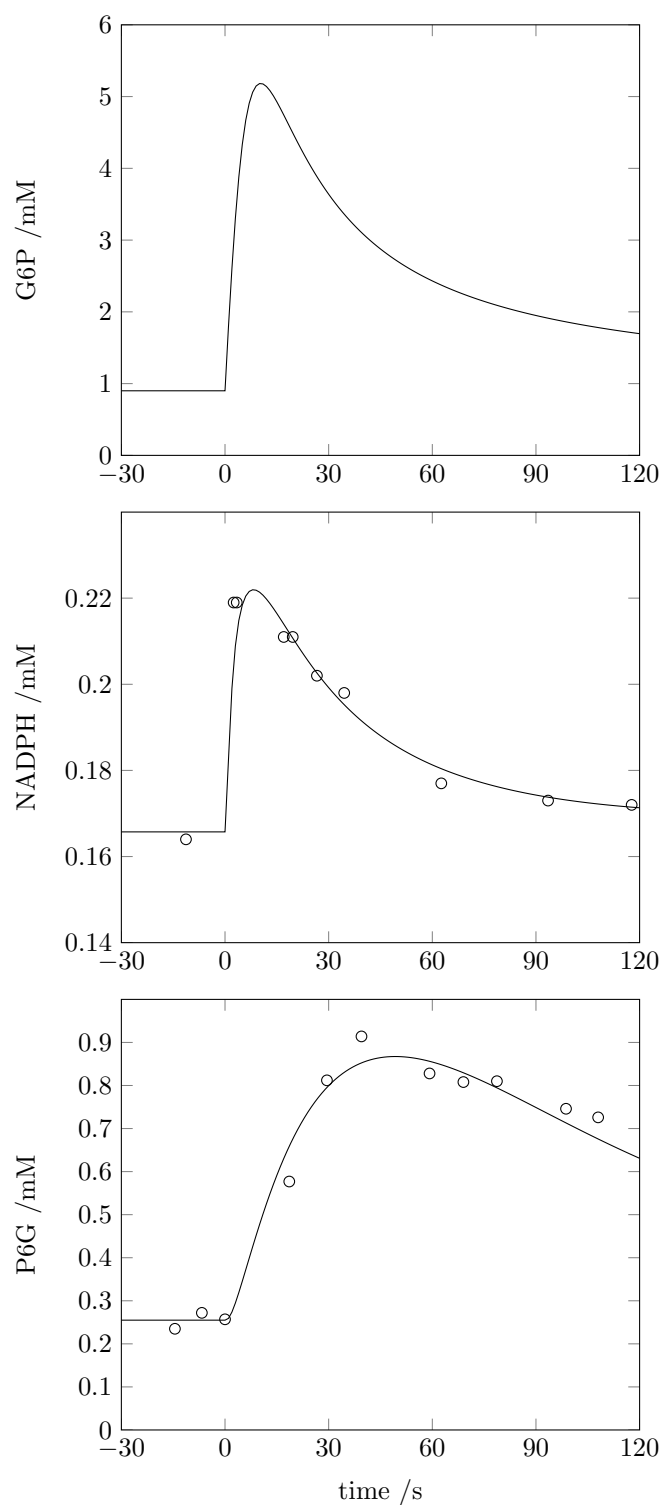


Table 1: Enzyme kinetic parameters used in the model. Standard errors are given where the parameters were measured in this study.

| reaction | isoenzyme | parameter      | value | units           | SEM / reference        |
|----------|-----------|----------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------|
| GND      | Gnd1      | kcat           | 28.0  | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±1.8%                  |
| GND      | Gnd1      | Kp6g           | 0.062 | mM              | ±7.7%                  |
| GND      | Gnd1      | Knadp          | 0.094 | mM              | ±14%                   |
| GND      | Gnd1      | Kru5p          | 0.1   | mM              | –                      |
| GND      | Gnd1      | Knadph         | 0.055 | mM              | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| GND      | Gnd2      | kcat           | 27.3  | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±2.5%                  |
| GND      | Gnd2      | Kp6g           | 0.115 | mM              | ±12%                   |
| GND      | Gnd2      | Knadp          | 0.094 | mM              | ±8.9%                  |
| GND      | Gnd2      | Kru5p          | 0.1   | mM              | –                      |
| GND      | Gnd2      | Knadph         | 0.055 | mM              | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| RKI      | Rki1      | kcat           | 335   | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±9.5%                  |
| RKI      | Rki1      | Kru5p          | 2.47  | mM              | ±53%                   |
| RKI      | Rki1      | Kr5p           | 5.70  | mM              | ±19%                   |
| RKI      |           | Keq            | 4.0   | 1               | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| RPE      | Rpe1      | kcat           | 4020  | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±0.097%                |
| RPE      | Rpe1      | Kr5up          | 5.97  | mM              | ±0.50%                 |
| RPE      | Rpe1      | Kx5p           | 7.70  | mM              | ±0.30%                 |
| RPE      |           | Keq            | 1.4   | 1               | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| SOL      | Sol3      | kcat           | 10    | s <sup>-1</sup> | –                      |
| SOL      | Sol3      | Kg6l           | 0.8   | mM              | [Ralser et al., 2007]  |
| SOL      | Sol3      | Kp6g           | 0.1   | mM              | –                      |
| TAL      | Tal1      | kcat           | 0.694 | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±2.8%                  |
| TAL      | Tal1      | Kgap           | 0.272 | mM              | ±12%                   |
| TAL      | Tal1      | Ks7p           | 0.786 | mM              | ±9.7%                  |
| TAL      | Tal1      | Kf6p           | 1.44  | mM              | ±15%                   |
| TAL      | Tal1      | Ke4p           | 0.362 | mM              | ±15%                   |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | kcat           | 0.694 | s <sup>-1</sup> | –                      |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | Kgap           | 0.272 | mM              | –                      |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | Ks7p           | 0.786 | mM              | –                      |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | Kf6p           | 1.04  | mM              | ±25%                   |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | Ke4p           | 0.305 | mM              | ±8.0%                  |
| TAL      |           | Keq            | 1.05  | 1               | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | kcat (E4P:F6P) | 47.1  | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±2.9%                  |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | kcat (R5P:S7P) | 40.5  | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±2.9%                  |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Kx5p           | 0.67  | mM              | ±13%                   |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Ke4p           | 0.946 | mM              | ±8.7%                  |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Kr5p           | 0.235 | mM              | ±13%                   |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Kgap           | 0.1   | mM              | [Ralser et al., 2007]  |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Kf6p           | 1.1   | mM              | [Ralser et al., 2007]  |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | Ks7p           | 0.15  | mM              | [Ralser et al., 2007]  |
| TKL      |           | Keq (E4P:F6P)  | 10.0  | 1               | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |
| TKL      |           | Keq (R5P:S7P)  | 1.2   | 1               | [Vaseghi et al., 1999] |

|               |      |        |       |                 |                       |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| ZWF           | Zwf1 | kcat   | 189   | s <sup>-1</sup> | ±1.2%                 |
| ZWF           | Zwf1 | Kg6p   | 0.042 | mM              | ±5.0%                 |
| ZWF           | Zwf1 | Knadp  | 0.045 | mM              | ±6.3%                 |
| ZWF           | Zwf1 | Kg6l   | 0.1   | mM              | –                     |
| ZWF           | Zwf1 | Knadph | 0.017 | mM              | [Ralser et al., 2007] |
| NADPH oxidase |      | k      | 1     | s <sup>-1</sup> | –                     |
| E4P sink      |      | k      | 1     | s <sup>-1</sup> | –                     |
| R5P sink      |      | k      | 1     | s <sup>-1</sup> | –                     |

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Table 2: Protein levels used in the model. Standard errors are given where measured in this study.

| reaction | isoenzyme | UniProt | #/cell    | SEM        | [Ghaemmaghami et al., 2003] | mM     |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| GND      | Gnd1      | P38720  | 1,010,000 | $\pm 21\%$ | 101,000                     | 0.335  |
| GND      | Gnd2      | P53319  |           |            | 556                         | 0.003  |
| RKI      | Rki1      | Q12189  |           |            | 5,680                       | 0.05   |
| RPE      | Rpe1      | P46969  |           |            | 3,310                       | 0.03   |
| SOL      | Sol3      | P38858  | 89,000    | $\pm 27\%$ | 3,420                       | 0.0296 |
| TAL      | Tal1      | P15019  | 434,000   | $\pm 10\%$ | 53,000                      | 0.144  |
| TAL      | Nqm1      | P53228  |           |            | 1,920                       | 0.02   |
| TKL      | Tkl1      | P23254  | 1,370,000 | $\pm 36\%$ | 40,300                      | 0.455  |
| ZWF      | Zwf1      | P11412  |           |            | 15,000                      | 0.1    |



Table 3: Initial metabolite concentrations used in the model, and a comparison to their steady state levels. G6P, F6P and GAP are boundary metabolites. Note that NADP and NADPH form a conserved moiety with (experimentally-determined) constant total concentration 0.33 mM.

| metabolite | ChEBI id | concentration (mM) |              | reference                |
|------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|            |          | initial            | steady state |                          |
| E4P        | 16897    | 0.029              | 0.0130       | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| G6L        | 57955    | 0.1                | 2.25         | –                        |
| NADP       | 58349    | 0.17               | 0.166        | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| NADPH      | 57783    | 0.16               | 0.164        | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| P6G        | 58759    | 0.25               | 0.255        | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| R5P        | 18189    | 0.118              | 0.0940       | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| Ru5P       | 58121    | 0.033              | 0.0379       | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| S7P        | 57483    | 0.082              | 0.0902       | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| X5P        | 57737    | 0.041              | 0.0539       | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| G6P        | 16897    | 0.9                |              | [Vaseghi et al., 1999]   |
| F6P        | 57579    | 0.325              |              | [Smallbone et al., 2013] |
| GAP        | 58027    | 0.067              |              | [Smallbone et al., 2013] |

Table 4: Kinetic rate laws for the reaction velocities used in the model.

| enzyme        | E.C.     | reaction                                  | rate law                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GND           | 1.1.1.44 | $P6G + NADP \longrightarrow Ru5P + NADPH$ | $\frac{Gnd\ kcat}{Kp6g\ Knadp} \frac{P6G\ NADP}{(1 + P6G/Kp6g + Ru5P/Kru5p)(1 + NADP/Knadp + NADPH/Knadph)}$                             |
| RKI           | 5.3.1.6  | $Ru5P \longleftrightarrow R5P$            | $\frac{Rki1\ kcat}{Kru5p} \frac{Ru5P - R5P/Keq}{1 + Ru5P/Kru5p + R5P/Kr5p}$                                                              |
| RPE           | 5.1.3.1  | $Ru5P \longleftrightarrow X5P$            | $\frac{Rpe1\ kcat}{Kru5p} \frac{Ru5P - X5P/Keq}{1 + Ru5P/Kru5p + X5P/Kx5p}$                                                              |
| SOL           | 3.1.1.31 | $G6L \longrightarrow P6G$                 | $\frac{Sol3\ kcat}{Kg6l} \frac{G6L}{1 + G6L/Kg6l + P6G/Kp6g}$                                                                            |
| TAL           | 2.2.1.2  | $GAP + S7P \longleftrightarrow F6P + E4P$ | $\frac{Tal\ kcat}{Kgap\ Ks7p} \frac{GAP\ S7P - F6P\ E4P/Keq}{(1 + GAP/Kgap + F6P/Kf6p)(1 + S7P/Ks7p + E4P/Ke4p)}$                        |
| TKL (E4P:F6P) | 2.2.1.1  | $X5P + E4P \longleftrightarrow GAP + F6P$ | $\frac{Tkl1\ kcat}{Kx5p\ Ke4p} \frac{X5P\ E4P - GAP\ F6P/Keq}{(1 + X5P/Kx5p + GAP/Kgap)(1 + E4P/Ke4p + F6P/Kf6p + R5P/Kr5p + S7P/Ks7p)}$ |
| TKL (R5P:S7P) | 2.2.1.1  | $X5P + R5P \longleftrightarrow GAP + S7P$ | $\frac{Tkl1\ kcat}{Kx5p\ Kr5p} \frac{X5P\ R5P - GAP\ S7P/Keq}{(1 + X5P/Kx5p + GAP/Kgap)(1 + E4P/Ke4p + F6P/Kf6p + R5P/Kr5p + S7P/Ks7p)}$ |
| ZWF           | 1.1.1.49 | $G6P + NADP \longrightarrow G6L + NADPH$  | $\frac{Zwf1\ kcat}{Kg6p\ Knadp} \frac{G6P\ NADP}{(1 + G6P/Kg6p + G6L/Kg6l)(1 + NADP/Knadp + NADPH/Knadph)}$                              |
| NADPH oxidase |          | $NADPH \longrightarrow NADP$              | $k \cdot NADPH$                                                                                                                          |
| E4P sink      |          | $E4P \longrightarrow$                     | $k \cdot E4P$                                                                                                                            |
| R5P sink      |          | $R5P \longrightarrow$                     | $k \cdot R5P$                                                                                                                            |

Table 5: Parameter changes in the fitted version of the model.

| reaction | parameter | initial | fitted |
|----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| GND      | [Gnd1]    | 0.335   | 0.013  |
| SOL      | kcat      | 10      | 4.3    |
| SOL      | Kp6g      | 0.1     | 0.5    |
| ZWF      | [Zwf1]    | 0.1     | 0.02   |
| ZWF      | Kg6l      | 0.1     | 0.01   |

Table 6: Change in experimentally-determined metabolite concentrations with and without oxidative stress and the predictions from the combined glycolysis:PPP model. Changes are presented as  $\log_{10} ([\text{stressed}]/[\text{reference}])$ .

| metabolite | ChEBI id | <i>in vivo</i> change | <i>in silico</i> change |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| DHAP       | 16108    | 0.172                 | 0.158                   |
| F6P+G6P    | 47877    | 0.183                 | 0.238                   |
| G3P        | 15978    | -0.073                | 0.096                   |
| GAP        | 29052    | 0.176                 | 0.173                   |
| P6G        | 58759    | 0.699                 | 0.603                   |
| R5P        | 18189    | 0.295                 | 1.919                   |
| Ru5P+X5P   | 24976    | 0.908                 | 1.723                   |
| S7P        | 57483    | 1.405                 | 3.429                   |

Table 7: Flux control coefficients in the PPP model in (a) the reference state and (b) following oxidative stress. The rows represent the fluxes under control, and the columns represent the controlling reactions. The overall control values are defined by the  $L_2$ -norm of the column values.

|     |               | GND    | RKI    | RPE    | SOL    | TAL    | TKL (E4P:F6P) | TKL (R5P:S7P) | ZWF    | NADPH oxidase | E4P sink | R5P sink |
|-----|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|----------|----------|
| (a) | GND           | 0.156  | 0.004  | 0.000  | 0.333  | 0.000  | -0.001        | 0.000         | 0.128  | 0.374         | 0.000    | 0.005    |
|     | RKI           | 0.118  | 0.034  | 0.001  | 0.251  | -0.006 | 0.084         | 0.000         | 0.096  | 0.283         | 0.028    | 0.111    |
|     | RPE           | -0.153 | 0.251  | 0.010  | -0.327 | -0.050 | 0.682         | -0.001        | -0.125 | -0.367        | 0.227    | 0.853    |
|     | SOL           | 0.156  | 0.004  | 0.000  | 0.333  | 0.000  | -0.001        | 0.000         | 0.128  | 0.374         | 0.000    | 0.005    |
|     | TAL           | 0.772  | -1.076 | -0.045 | 1.645  | 0.849  | -0.585        | 0.011         | 0.631  | 1.848         | 1.432    | -4.483   |
|     | TKL E4P:F6P   | -0.106 | 0.183  | 0.008  | -0.226 | -0.004 | 0.618         | -0.001        | -0.087 | -0.254        | 0.288    | 0.580    |
|     | TKL R5P:S7P   | 0.772  | -1.076 | -0.045 | 1.645  | 0.849  | -0.585        | 0.011         | 0.631  | 1.848         | 1.432    | -4.483   |
|     | ZWF           | 0.156  | 0.004  | 0.000  | 0.333  | 0.000  | -0.001        | 0.000         | 0.128  | 0.374         | 0.000    | 0.005    |
|     | NADPH oxidase | 0.156  | 0.004  | 0.000  | 0.333  | 0.000  | -0.001        | 0.000         | 0.128  | 0.374         | 0.000    | 0.005    |
|     | E4P sink      | -0.063 | 0.122  | 0.005  | -0.135 | 0.038  | 0.559         | 0.000         | -0.052 | -0.151        | 0.344    | 0.334    |
|     | R5P sink      | 0.114  | 0.042  | 0.002  | 0.242  | -0.012 | 0.088         | 0.000         | 0.093  | 0.272         | 0.018    | 0.141    |
|     | overall       | 1.163  | 1.559  | 0.065  | 2.481  | 1.203  | 1.364         | 0.016         | 0.952  | 2.788         | 2.087    | 6.434    |
| (b) | GND           | 0.103  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.638  | 0.055  | 0.006         | 0.000         | 0.131  | 0.003         | -0.005   | 0.067    |
|     | RKI           | 0.159  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.984  | -0.359 | -0.066        | 0.004         | 0.202  | 0.005         | 0.055    | 0.016    |
|     | RPE           | -0.044 | 0.001  | 0.000  | -0.271 | 1.145  | 0.198         | -0.012        | -0.056 | -0.001        | -0.161   | 0.202    |
|     | SOL           | 0.103  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.638  | 0.055  | 0.006         | 0.000         | 0.131  | 0.003         | -0.005   | 0.067    |
|     | TAL           | 0.009  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.055  | 0.934  | 0.013         | 0.002         | 0.011  | 0.000         | 0.017    | -0.041   |
|     | TKL E4P:F6P   | -0.141 | 0.003  | 0.000  | -0.875 | 1.535  | 0.540         | -0.038        | -0.180 | -0.004        | -0.492   | 0.653    |
|     | TKL R5P:S7P   | 0.009  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.055  | 0.934  | 0.013         | 0.002         | 0.011  | 0.000         | 0.017    | -0.041   |
|     | ZWF           | 0.103  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.638  | 0.055  | 0.006         | 0.000         | 0.131  | 0.003         | -0.005   | 0.067    |
|     | NADPH oxidase | 0.103  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.638  | 0.055  | 0.006         | 0.000         | 0.131  | 0.003         | -0.005   | 0.067    |
|     | E4P sink      | 0.185  | -0.005 | 0.001  | 1.144  | 0.231  | -0.605        | 0.049         | 0.235  | 0.005         | 0.613    | -0.852   |
|     | R5P sink      | 0.208  | 0.002  | 0.000  | 1.288  | -0.784 | -0.092        | 0.005         | 0.265  | 0.006         | 0.067    | 0.034    |
|     | overall       | 0.409  | 0.007  | 0.001  | 2.531  | 2.494  | 0.843         | 0.064         | 0.521  | 0.012         | 0.807    | 1.103    |

Figure 4: Saturation curves for the assays performed in this study. The original data are available from <http://dbkgroup.org:8080/mcisb-web/MeMo-RK/>

